

Orange Grove General FFO Meeting Minutes

Thursday, August 22, 2019

Present: Courtney Hinkle, Heather Blakely, Eileen Jackson, Xuemei Yang, Jaclyn Callahan, Michelle Rooney, Steven Kelly, Kelly Diaz, Suzie Stadheim, Brenda Pinto, Michelle Ijams, Christeen Bates, Jennifer Moulton, Liz Doak, Olga Barrios, Kate Spaulding, Petrina Barr, Katrin Schumacher, Celia Bavier, Sarah Schulte, Joe Schulte, Lucy Young, Polina Cake, Marisol Kenman, Blythe Edmondson, Eileen Pastorious, Allison Corkey, Marianne Fett, Lina Haddad-Rizk, Suha Moussa Kisso, Brenda Harrington, Jennie Buban, Leslie Beckett, Mark Rubin-Toles

Meeting called to order by August President Blythe Edmondson at 8:35am. She gave welcome remarks, an introduction to the FFO, and an announcement on current need for President or President Elect.

Welcome given to Governing Board Member, Eileen Jackson.

Principal's Update - Mark Rubin Toles

- Distributed blank notes for parents to be able to write thank you's to teachers/staff.
- School year has started off well. Panther Pals continues this year and has helped new students adjust to school.
- New programs this year:
 - PBIS: Students learned desired behaviors and 3 values (respectful, responsible, and compassionate). Pawsitive Panther tickets changed to remove rewards and replace with meaningful feedback between staff and students. The tickets can be used to vote for fun topics of the week picked by student council (Thanos vs Ironman). If ticket number goal reached, then there is an end of quarter school-wide celebration.
 - Advisor base every Monday: A weekly mixed-grade group meets with a teacher for students' entire time at OG. The purpose is to build connection and bonds among kids and with staff. There is a social-emotional learning curriculum for that time.
- Back to School night is coming up on August 28th where parents will spend the evening as a middle school student. They will go through their child's schedule with presentations offered during the lunch period.

Executive Team Updates

- Executive Committee Report:
 - Blythe explained vacant presidency due to resignation.
 - EFFO is rotating through to fill role in the interim and is looking for someone to fill President and/or President Elect roles.
 - Kate Spaulding joined as Member-at-Large. Motion seconded and approved to add Kate to the EFFO.
 - Introduced EFFO members.
- Treasurer's Report: Heather will present budget under general business.

- Grants: None at this time.
- Panther Pride Direct Donations: Blythe explained direct donation system at OG. The goal for this year's Panther Pride is \$18,000. The special project this year is the MPR projector system. Donations can be made online.

General Business

- Approve minutes - May: Motion seconded and approved to accept May minutes.
- Present 2019-2020 Budget: Heather distributed copies for review.
 - Discussed revenue: Last year's Color Run brought in \$7000 but is an every other year event. This year a chair is needed for proposed Roadrunner's Event to help fill gap. Budget may be amended accordingly. Explained Benefit Mobile and Panther Pride.
 - Discussed expenses: Largest amounts go towards supporting staff and students. Discussed the effects of unfulfilled roles.
 - Motion seconded and approved to accept the 2019-2020 budget.
- Committee Reports:
 - **PUUP**: Event went well. Suggestion made to add detailed supplies info to parents in summer letter and pushing more for more supply donations to school. Suggestion made to hand out EduKits towards end of queue to ease carrying for families.
 - **Book Fair**: Liz Doak introduced and would love for volunteers to help. Dates are 10/7-10/11. School earns scholastic dollars from fairs.
 - **Communication**: Check out website and subscribe to monthly newsletter.
 - **Dine outs**: Allison Corkey introduced. These are community building events at restaurants with a portion of the proceeds going to OG. Requests are out to different restaurants and will be announced when set.
 - **Lunch Volunteers**: Having parent volunteers can give staff a break. It's a flexible way to volunteer.
 - **Education**: Michelle Ijams chair for this has stepped in to take DFFO role at moment and will return to education when can. Invited suggestions for presenters or ideas.
 - **Spirit Wear**: Hats are new this year. Online shirt sale closes on Aug. 30th. Suggestion made to put large logo on back and change hat color from black which is hot in sun.
 - **PE Uniforms**: Added dry fit V neck this year.
 - **Staff Appreciation**: Back to school night dinner is the next one. There is usually a soup lunch in the Fall and salad lunch in the Spring. Get in touch with Abby if interested in

helping.

- **Hospitality:** Thanks to Marisol for today's breakfast. Sign Up Genius link is on agenda.

- **Roadrunners:** Blythe explained that the band, orchestra, and choir have an opportunity to perform at a game. Need a parent to chair ticket sales, coordinate dates, etc. in place by end of month. This is a nice way to balance an Arts event with the more athletic Color Run on alternate years. Please consider organizing so this event can happen.

- **Community cards/Benefit Mobile:** Brenda explained different modes of passive fundraising including Amazon Smiles. She explained the Benefit mobile app that's free and offers varying percent back on purchases to school with checking or credit card connected to account; there is a higher percentage given for checking account. Other ways to contribute are EScript dining and AJ/Basha cards (6% of card sales/reloads go to the school).

- **SAC:** Courtney Hinkle explained 3 events this year - campus beautification day in Fall in November, Winter project with student council supporting a local charity (last year was Youth on Their Own), and Spring sandwich-making event delivered to Casa Maria.

- **Family Support:** Students/families who are experiencing crisis can get support behind the scenes. Contact Suzie Stadheim or Anne Gruber to help with this committee.

• **Foundation - Roxan Olivas (Report submitted via email for inclusion in minutes):**

CFSD FOUNDATION - August 2019 www.cfsdfoundation.org

- Mission: The CFSD Foundation raises supplemental funds to attract, develop and retain excellent teachers throughout the district.
- Thank you to everyone who has donated to the CFSD Foundation! Your donations are making a DIFFERENCE! We were able to gift District 16 \$150,000 in the 2018-2019 school year.
- Who we are:
 - Quality teachers lead to quality education: Studies show that the quality of a child's teacher is even more important than their class size and that effective training programs increase teacher retention. Funds raised by the foundation that help to underwrite the district's 3-year induction program and free up those funds to be used in the classroom.
 - A Great Public Education Isn't Free: Be sure and watch the video we sent in our e-blast and showed at the last meeting which shows how the FFO and the Foundation work together to support our students. We ask that every family support our teachers by donating to the Foundation at the dollar a day (\$365) level but recognized and appreciate donations of more or less!
- FALL EVENT: "Tapas for Teachers" is the theme for this year's fall parent mixer. There will be "tastes" from local restaurants and live music in the beautiful St. Phillip's Plaza on Friday, October 11, from 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm. Tickets are \$40 and include all food plus 1 drink ticket. There will be a cash bar as well and a silent auction.
 - Back by popular demand- All donations of \$365 and above before October 10 will get one complimentary ticket. Donations of \$1,000 and above before October 10 will get two

complimentary tickets. Anyone currently on the monthly giving plan will qualify for this. Tickets are available on our website under events!

- Band- The 80's cover band Gigi & The Glow will be performing.
 - Restaurants- All you can eat food from 8-10 local restaurant.
 - Silent Auction- You will be able to bid on dedicated school parking spots and preferred parking for promotion and graduation events. Other items will be available as well.
 - Other- If anyone would like to help with the event or would like to make a donation to our silent auction please contact Sara Larson- saralupialarson@gmail.com.
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- **Community Schools:** Mary Grodman, program director, reported 1st quarter off & running.
 - Sports games start next week and most sports are full. Game schedule is on CS website.
 - You can register for study hall daily or for whole semester for late start or afternoons.
 - Science Olympiad with Ms. Skinner will be on Mon. & Wed. from Sept - April. More info on that is coming out soon.
 - There will be a 3-week backpacking class offered.
 - For the Oct. break, there will be a camping trip and a Sabino canyon hike during the half day.
 - 2nd quarter registration date will be on Oct. 9th.
 - Anyone interested in coaching or teaching, please contact Mary.
 - You can also follow community schools on Facebook and the outdoor adventure account on Instagram.
 - **District Report:** None at this time.
 - **Other News:**
 - Car pool option: Sign up with Lucy Young to connect with other families.
 - Parent Open House: There will be Tech and FFO/Student council presentations during lunch hours.
 - Volunteers needed for hospitality and lunch; see links on agenda.

DFFO Update: None

Upcoming Events

- Aug. 24 - Beginning Band Camp
- Aug. 28 - Staff Appreciation dinner
- Aug. 28 - Back to School Night
- Aug. 30 - Deadline to order Spirit Wear
- Sept. 2 - Labor Day No School
- Sept. 25 - Picture Retakes

Next FFO Meeting: September 26th (Pre-meeting 7th grade parents)

Meeting adjourned at 9:40am.